#### MDC HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

December 21, 2007

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Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock \$.01

Par Value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TOUFF MICHAEL  (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
								(Check all applicable)				
4350 S. MONACO STREET, SUITE 500			(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2007					Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr VP and General Counsel				
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DENVER, C	CO 80237		Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	y One Reporting P More than One R			
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquire						quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) o l of (D	))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Stock \$.01 Par Value	12/20/2007			A	493 (1)	A	\$0	94,673	D			
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value								18,390	I	401(K) Plan (2)		
Common										ΤΡ Δ		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of S
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.01	12/20/2007		A	30,000	12/20/2010	12/20/2017	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	30

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TOUFF MICHAEL 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237

Sr VP and General Counsel

### **Signatures**

Michael Touff 12/21/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Shares of restricted stock granted December 20, 2007 for no cash consideration pursuant to the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan (1) and a Restricted Stock Agreement. Pursuant to the Restricted Stock Agreement, the restrictions will lapse as to 25% of the shares on December 20, 2008, and cummulatively as to an additional 25% on each of December 20, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (2) Shares are held in Reporting Person's 401(k) Savings Plan account which changes on a daily basis.
- Granted on December 20, 2007 under the Company's 2001 Equity Incentive Plan. This option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares covered (3) thereby on December 20, 2010 and cummulatively as to an additional 33-1/3% on each of December 20, 2011 and 2012. These options were granted at the December 20, 2007 market close price.

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